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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Maritime Administration

[Docket No. MARAD-2019-0013]

**Request for Comments on the Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection:
Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of
U.S. Citizen-Owned Documented Vessels**

AGENCY: Maritime Administration, DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Maritime Administration (MARAD) invites public comments on our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval to renew an information collection. The information to be collected will enable MARAD to determine whether the vessel proposed for transfer will initially require retention under the U.S.-flag statutory regulations. We are required to publish this notice in the Federal Register by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]**.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments [identified by Docket No. MARAD-2019-0013] through one of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Search using the above DOT docket number and follow the online instructions for submitting comments.
- *Fax:* 1-202-493-2251

- *Mail or Hand Delivery:* Docket Management Facility, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on Federal holidays.

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the Department's performance; (b) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (c) ways for the Department to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (d) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

The agency will summarize and/or include your comments in the request for OMB's clearance of this information collection.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deveeda Midgette, (202) 366-2354, Office of Sealift Support, Maritime Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Room W23-631, Washington, DC, 20590.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Request for Transfer of Ownership, Registry, and Flag, or Charter, Lease, or Mortgage of U.S. Citizen-Owned Documented.

OMB Control Number: 2133-0006

Type of Request: Renewal of a Previously Approved Information Collection

Abstract: This collection provides information necessary for MARAD to approve the sale, transfer, charter, lease, or mortgage of U.S. documented vessels to non-citizens; or the transfer of such vessels to foreign registry and flag; or the transfer of foreign flag vessels by their owners as required by various contractual requirements.

Respondents: Respondents are vessel owners who have applied for foreign transfer of U.S.-flag vessels.

Affected Public: Business or other for Profit

Estimated Number of Respondents: 85

Estimated Number of Responses: 85

Estimated Hours per Response: 2

Annual Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 170

Frequency of Response: Annually

(AUTHORITY: The Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995; 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended; and 49 CFR 1.93.)

Dated: February 26, 2019.

By Order of the Maritime Administrator.

T. Mitchell Hudson, Jr.,

Secretary,

Maritime Administration.

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